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Human Rights Council

Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice
Twelfth session

10:00 to 13:00		Conference Room 3
	Meeting with Member States	
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place *today*, 23 January 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session segment will be followed immediately by an informal presentation of the assessment of the UN-Women evaluation function and related management response.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu (Romania), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the fifty-third session of the Commission *today*, 23 January 2015, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

Commission on the Status of Women
Briefing

An information sharing session on the methods of work of the Commission will be convened *today*, 23 January 2015, from 11:45 to 13:15, and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 2.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Friday, 23 January 2015

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Seventieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War" (under agenda item 129) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "A global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development" (under agenda item 9) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Fiji)

From 14:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room D.

Other meetings

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Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

10:00 to 11:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

15:30 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D

Other activities

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Discussion and screening of the documentary film entitled "On the Way to School" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of France, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the French Staff Member Society (AFFIN) and Distrib Films US)

From 13:00 to 15:00, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and staff are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Carole Maisonneuve, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail carole.maisonneuve@diplomatie.gouv.fr, tel. 1 (212) 702-4972); or *click here*.]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 23 January 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/279, informal meetings of the plenary as part of the preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (First Drafting Session) will be held from Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 27 January 2015, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100

and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) on developing stronger field support arrangements; and women, peace and security, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on Monday, 26 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3.

2015 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2015 substantive session from Tuesday, 17 February, to Friday, 13 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the

Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/69/642 (to be issued) and A/69/642/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the Website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the Website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (17-18 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes
First working session

The first working session of the ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247 of 29 December 2014, will be held from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

At the opening meeting on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, at 10:00, the ad hoc committee will elect its Chair and the other members of the Bureau, adopt its provisional agenda and approve its organization of work. The provisional agenda and annotations will be issued in document A/AC.284/2015/1.

For further information on the work of the ad hoc committee please contact Mr. Dusan Zivkovic (e-mail dusan.zivkovic@unctad.org); or Mr. Jiaming Miao (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766). Additional information will also be available by *clicking here*.

Submission of comments

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247, Member States and observers are invited to submit their comments on the necessary elements of the multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes *no later than today*, 23 January 2015. Similarly, the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant stakeholders with an interest in the matter, are invited to make contributions to the work entrusted to the ad hoc committee. Comments and contributions, which will be made available electronically on the UNCTAD Website, should be sent by e-mail to Ms. Marie Sudreau (marie.sudreau@unctad.org), and Ms. Myriam Azar (myriam.azar@unctad.org) *no later than today*, 23 January 2015.

List of participants

The meetings of the ad hoc committee are open to all Member States and observers of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the ad hoc committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

General discussion and the list of speakers

General discussion of agenda item 3 (A multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes) will be held on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, in the morning, following the opening part of the session.

The list of speakers *will be opened on Monday, 26 January 2015*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform, *in writing*, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org; c/o Ms. Terri Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that, and in accordance with the practice, statements made on behalf of a group of States *should not exceed seven minutes*, and statements made by individual delegations *should not exceed five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services *will be offered* as an additional service for the meetings of the ad hoc committee.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery tc papersmart3@un.org. The date of meeting and agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the ad hoc committee's PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those accredited to the financing for development follow-up process and to UNCTAD, wishing to participate in the work of the ad hoc committee should register by *clicking here*. For further information on the ad hoc committee please *click here*, or contact Ms. Maria Ahmed (e-mail maria.ahmed@unctad.org).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2015 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 19 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at this meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2015/L.1 and A/AC.109/2015/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room S-3063; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2015.

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Ninth session

A special meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Monday, 26 January 2015, at *10:30*, in Conference Room 4.

The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a presentation from the Director-General of FAO on food security for peacebuilding and from UNDP on Ebola related recovery initiatives.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here.*

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but *no later than* Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at *least two hours* in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and

from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system (session II)

Pursuant to its resolution 2014/14, the Economic and Social Council will hold session II of a transparent and inclusive dialogue involving Member States and all relevant stakeholders on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, taking into account the post-2015 development agenda on Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. Session I of the dialogue took place on 15 December 2014. The meeting will be chaired and moderated by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia).

The preliminary programme is available by *clicking here*.

The dialogue will be interactive in nature and, as such, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. For further information, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for the Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944). Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for all the meetings of the 2015 session of the Economic and Social Council. Please *click here* for the PaperSmart portal of the Council.

Youth Forum (2-3 February 2015)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth engagement in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: What will it take?" on Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org, with a copy to olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Friday, 30 January 2015, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027). Additional information is also available on the Website of the Council (*click here*).

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

The 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 26, January to Wednesday, 4 February, and on Friday, 13 February 2015, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2015/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission on the Status of Women
Briefing

The facilitator of the draft resolution on methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women will present a draft proposal on Tuesday, 27 January 2015, at *13:15*, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

First regular session 2015

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the

Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than* Friday, 30 January 2015.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board Website. All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday, 26, to Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

The annotated provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment, please *click here*.

Informal briefings and consultations will be scheduled during the month of January, and delegations will be informed accordingly.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Ashby Anglin (e-mail anglin@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than today*, 23 January 2015.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours prior to their speaking slot. Delegates are requested to include the intended agenda item in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services.

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2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons *(click here)*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level) (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing by the former deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland on "Sustainable development, inclusive growth or next crisis?" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Monday, 26 January 2015, at 9:30, in the Woodrow Wilson Reading Room, Dag Hammarskjöld Library (2nd Floor).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Aleksandra Stepowska, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail aleksandra.stepowska@msz.gov.pl).]

High-level panel on "Staying Together – Dialogue in the Face of Violent Extremism" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Indonesia and Sweden)

Monday, 26 January 2015, from 12:30 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Birgitta Tsoma, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail birgitta.tsoma@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2500).]

Event entitled "Effecting Change: Women's Participation and Leadership in Somalia" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland, in collaboration with the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security)

Monday, 26 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darelle O'Keeffe, Permanent Mission of Ireland (e-mail darelle.o'keeffe@dfa.ie; tel. 1 (212) 204-7142).]

Panel discussion on "SIDS issues as global issues: Positioning SIDS in the Post-2015 Development Agenda" and closing ceremony of the International Year of Small Island Developing States (co-organized by the Small Island Developing States Unit, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Monday, 26 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Carlisle Richardson, DESA (e-mail richardson3@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9266).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

Opening of the exhibits:

Shoah - How Was It Humanly Possible? (co-organized by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, the American Society for Yad Vashem and the Permanent Mission of Israel)

Monday, 26 January 2015, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachelle Grossman (tel. 1 (212) 220-4304).]

Tenth anniversary of the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme (co-organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme and the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education)

Monday, 26 January 2015, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

[All are invited.]

Holocaust memorial ceremony on the theme "Liberty, Life and the Legacy of the Holocaust Survivors" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited. For further information and to register please *click here*, or contact Ms. Kimberly Mann, DPI (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835).]

Meet the Author "Toscanini: A Conductor Stands Up for Justice" (co-organized by B'nai B'rith International and the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015 from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Oren Drori, B'nai B'rith International (e-mail rsvpun@bnaibrith.org; tel. 1 (212) 557-0019).]

Screening of the film "Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald" and panel discussion (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, at 18:30, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please *click here.*]

Briefing on "The Holocaust, Homosexuals and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Today" (co-organized by the NGO Relations Section, and the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); to register, send an e-mail to undpingo@un.org.]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here.*]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maia Campbell, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail campbellm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2395).]

Event on "Contributions of the Montevideo Consensus to post 2015 sustainable development agenda" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Uruguay)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabriela Ortigosa, Permanent Mission of Uruguay (e-mail uruguay@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 752-8240).]

Presentation ceremony of the "Third World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Nihal Saad, UNAOC (e-mail saadn@un.org).]

Event entitled "Applying common but differentiated responsibilities in a financing sustainable development context" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE) and Social Watch)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Fernando Zelner, Permanent Mission of Brazil (e-mail fernando.zelner@itamaraty.gov.br); or Mr. Aldo Caliari (e-mail acaliari@coc.org).]

Informal exchange of views on working methods for international law-making (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

Panel discussion on "Transforming the mindset in pursuing a transformative development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria and Pakistan and the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Joop Theunissen, OESC/DESA (e-mail theunissen@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7763).]

Briefing of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the International Organization of la Francophonie) [The briefing will be in French with English interpretation]

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachel Rouchouse, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail rachel.rouchouse@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4933).]

Course on "Land, Peacemaking and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and for registration, please contact Ms. Amy Muedin, IOM (e-mail amuedin@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212); or *click here*.]

Conference on the United Nations Social Media Day (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland; the Digital Diplomacy Coalition New York and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Friday, 30 January 2015, from 9:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Isabella Poeschl, DPI (e-mail poeschl@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4689; or *click here*).]

Seminar on "Peaceful and Inclusive Societies and Democratic Governance" (co-organized by the International IDEA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Friday, 6 February 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room C.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Thirteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 12 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5; and

Friday, 13 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[Members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, Population Division (e-mail migrationp@un.org); or *click here*; to register please *click here*.]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the months of *January* and *February*:

Researching Foreign Laws

Researching on the United Nations Charter

Finding Speeches

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a

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The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 22 January 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7366th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

Letter dated 28 October 2014 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2127 (2013) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/762)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/43, submitted by France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/43) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/43) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2196 (2015).

7367th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2014/956)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo submitted pursuant to paragraph 39 of Security Council resolution 2147 (2014) (S/2014/957)

Letter dated 12 January 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/19)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Ladsous.

The Council also heard a briefing by Her Excellency Dina Kawar, Permanent Representative of Jordan, in her capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States:
Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States:
Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
His Excellency Denis Regis

Western European and other States:
Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency .

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Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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A/69/L.51/Add.1	Item 123 (e) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community — Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Slovenia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay: draft resolution — Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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CEDAW/C/58/4	Item 6 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of articles 21 and 22 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Reports by the specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in areas falling within the scope of their activities — Report by the International Labour Office [A C E F R S] — *25 pages*

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S/2014/924	Letter dated 17 December 2014 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
S/2014/962	Letter dated 31 December 2014 from the Chair of the Informal Working Group on International Tribunals addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/2015/2/REV.1	Note by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
S/2015/30	Letter dated 15 January 2015 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2015/31	Letter dated 16 January 2015 from the Vice-Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *134 pages*
S/2015/32	Letter dated 16 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/2015/37	Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and the activities of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*
S/2015/38	Letter dated 19 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2015/40	Letter dated 19 January 2015 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/Agenda/7363	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/Agenda/7364	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/Agenda/7365	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

E/CN.6/2015/7 Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions — Letter dated 19 December 2014 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women [A C E F R S] — *14 pages*

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E/ICEF/2015/2 Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Executive Board membership: composition and officers for 2015 [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

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Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room CB-0304 (Conference Building)).

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Monday, 26 January 2015

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United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) (S/2015/17)

Other matters

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. Opening of the session
2. Executive meeting

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

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Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2015 regular session

10:00 to 13:00 — 1st meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Election of officers [item 1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/C.2/2015/1) [item 2]
3. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat [item 5]
4. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304 [item 6]
5. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]
6. Consideration of special reports [item 7]
7. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2015/R.2, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.17 and E/C.2/2015/R.3)[1] [item 3 (b)]

15:00 to 18:00 — 2nd meeting — Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2015/R.2, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.17 and E/C.2/2015/R.3)[1] [item 3 (b)]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

[1] Restricted documents of the Committee.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session of 2015

10:00 to 13:00	2nd meeting [webcast]	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	1. Organizational matters [item 1]	
	Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session	
	Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2014	
	Adoption of the annual workplan 2015 of the Executive Board	
	UNDP segment	
	2. Statement by the Administrator	
	3. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [item 2]	
	Report on direct budget support, 2008-2014 (decision 2013/3)	
15:00 to 17:00	3rd meeting [webcast]	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	UNDP segment *(continued)*	
17:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Informal consultations on draft decisions	

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) on developing stronger field support arrangements; and women, peace and security, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on *Monday, 26 January 2015*, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Ninth session

A special meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Monday, 26 January 2015*, at 10:30, in Conference Room 4.

The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a presentation from the Director-General of FAO on food security for peacebuilding and from UNDP on Ebola related recovery initiatives.

Other meetings

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Monday, 26 January 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Monday, 26 January 2015

Briefing by the former deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland on "Sustainable development, inclusive growth or next crisis?" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

At 09:30, in the Woodrow Wilson Reading Room, Dag Hammarskjöld Library (Second Floor).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Aleksandra Stepowska, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail aleksandra.stepowska@msz.gov.pl).]

High-level panel on "Staying Together – Dialogue in the Face of Violent Extremism" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Indonesia and Sweden)

From 12:30 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Birgitta Tsoma, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail birgitta.tsoma@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2500).]

Event entitled "Effecting Change: Women's Participation and Leadership in Somalia" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland, in collaboration with the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darelle O'Keeffe, Permanent Mission of Ireland (e-mail darelle.o'keeffe@dfa.ie; tel. 1 (212) 204-7142).]

Panel discussion on "SIDS issues as global issues: Positioning SIDS in the Post-2015 Development Agenda" and closing ceremony of the International Year of Small Island Developing States (co-organized by the Small Island Developing States Unit, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

From 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Carlisle Richardson, DESA (e-mail richardson3@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9266).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

Opening of the exhibits:

Shoah - How Was It Humanly Possible? (co-organized by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, the American Society for Yad Vashem and the Permanent Mission of Israel)

At 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachelle Grossman (tel. 1 (212) 220-4304).]

Tenth anniversary of the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme (co-organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme and the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education)

At 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

[All are invited.]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 26 January 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
14:00	Press conference on the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) [*Speakers:* Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the Conference and Executive Director of UN-Habitat; and Mr. Diego Aulestia Valencia, Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador]
14:45	Her Excellency Margot Wallström, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden (on the high-level panel on "Staying Together – Dialogue in the Face of Violent Extremism")
17:30	Mr. Juan Carlos Pinzon, Minister of Defense of Colombia

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/279, informal meetings of the plenary as part of the preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (First Drafting Session) will be held from Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 January 2015, was sent to permanent representatives and permanent observers. Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 27 January 2015, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2015 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2015 substantive session from Tuesday, 17 February, to Friday, 13 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/69/642 (to be issued) and A/69/642/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the Website of the Special

Committee (www.c34.unlb.org). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the Website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (17-18 February) *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes
First working session

The first working session of the ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247 of 29 December 2014, will be held from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

At the opening meeting on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, at 10:00, the ad hoc committee will elect its Chair and the other members of the Bureau, adopt its provisional agenda and approve its organization of work. The provisional agenda and annotations will be issued in document A/AC.284/2015/1.

For further information on the work of the ad hoc committee please contact Mr. Dusan Zivkovic (e-mail dusan.zivkovic@unctad.org); or Mr. Jiaming Miao (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766). Additional information will also be available by *clicking here*.

Submission of comments

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247, Member States and observers are invited to submit their comments on the necessary elements of the multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes. Similarly, the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant stakeholders with an interest in the matter, are invited to make contributions to the work entrusted to the ad hoc committee. Comments and contributions, which will be made available

electronically on the UNCTAD Website, should be sent by e-mail to Ms. Marie Sudreau (marie.sudreau@unctad.org), and Ms. Myriam Azar (myriam.azar@unctad.org).

List of participants

The meetings of the ad hoc committee are open to all Member States and observers of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the ad hoc committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

General discussion and the list of speakers

General discussion of agenda item 3 (A multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes) will be held on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, in the morning, following the opening part of the session.

The list of speakers will be opened on *Monday, 26 January 2015*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform, *in writing*, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org; c/o Ms. Terri Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that, and in accordance with the practice, statements made on behalf of a group of States *should not exceed seven minutes*, and statements made by individual delegations *should not exceed five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services *will be offered* as an additional service for the meetings of the ad hoc committee.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The date of meeting and agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the ad hoc committee's PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those accredited to the financing for development follow-up process and to UNCTAD, wishing to participate in the work of the ad hoc committee should register by *clicking here*. For further information on the ad hoc committee please *click here*, or contact Ms. Maria Ahmed (e-mail maria.ahmed@unctad.org).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2015 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 19 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special

Committee at this meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2015/L.1 and A/AC.109/2015/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room S-3063; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2015.

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but *no later than* Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at *least two hours* in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system (session II)

Pursuant to its resolution 2014/14, the Economic and Social Council will hold session II of a transparent and inclusive dialogue involving Member States and all relevant stakeholders on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, taking into account the post-2015 development agenda on Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. Session I of the dialogue took place on 15 December 2014. The meeting will be chaired and moderated by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia).

The preliminary programme is available by *clicking here*.

The dialogue will be interactive in nature and, as such, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. For further information, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for the Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944). Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for all the meetings of the 2015 session of the Economic and Social Council. Please *click here* for the PaperSmart portal of the Council.

Youth Forum (2-3 February 2015)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth engagement in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: What will it take?" on Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 February 2015,

from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org, with a copy to olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Friday, 30 January 2015, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027). Additional information is also available on the Website of the Council (*click here*).

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Mr. Lenni Montiel, on the findings of the recently released *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2015* report on Thursday, 5 February 2015, from 09:30 to 11:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), and will include Ms. Beth Ann Bovino, United Sates Chief Economist for Standard and Poor's Rating Services, and Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, Professor, Columbia University, as discussants. The briefing will also provide an opportunity for interactive discussion. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hamid Rashid, Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, (e-mail rashid12@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1806; or *click here*).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda: towards 2015 and beyond", under item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place on Wednesday, 28 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A; and on Tuesday, 3 February, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1. For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

Commission on the Status of Women
Briefing

The facilitator of the draft resolution on methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women will present a draft proposal on Tuesday, 27 January 2015, at 13:15, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

First regular session 2015

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than* Friday, 30 January 2015.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board Website. All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Joint meeting

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2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons *(click here)*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level) (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2.

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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International expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maia Campbell, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail campbellm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2395).]

Event on "Contributions of the Montevideo Consensus to post 2015 sustainable development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico and Uruguay, and the International Planned Parenthood Federation)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabriela Ortigosa, Permanent Mission of Uruguay (e-mail uruguay@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 752-8240).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

Holocaust memorial ceremony on the theme "Liberty, Life and the Legacy of the Holocaust Survivors" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited. For further information and to register please *click here*, or contact Ms. Kimberly Mann, DPI (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835).]

Meet the Author "Toscanini: A Conductor Stands Up for Justice" (co-organized by B'nai B'rith International and the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015 from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Oren Drori, B'nai B'rith International (e-mail rsvpun@bnaibrith.org; tel. 1 (212) 557-0019).]

Screening of the film "Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald" and panel discussion (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, at 18:30, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please *click here*.]

Briefing on "The Holocaust, Homosexuals and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Today" (co-organized by the NGO Relations Section, and the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); to register, send an e-mail to undpingo@un.org.]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*.]

Presentation ceremony of the "Third World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Nihal Saad, UNAOC (e-mail saadn@un.org).]

Event entitled "Applying common but differentiated responsibilities in a financing sustainable development context" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE) and Social Watch)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Fernando Zelner, Permanent Mission of Brazil (e-mail fernando.zelner@itamaraty.gov.br); or Mr. Aldo Caliari (e-mail acaliari@cdc.org).]

High-level seminar on the International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations Report "Designing Mandates and Capabilities for Future Peace Operations" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan, Nigeria and Sweden)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 15:00 to 15:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber;

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 15:45 to 17:45, in Conference Room 2; and

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, from 10:00 to 12:15, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jeanette Mattsson, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail jeanette.mattsson@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2591); or Mr. Kristoffer Alm (e-mail kristoffer.alm@fba.se; tel. 1 (646) 409-8097).]

Informal exchange of views on working methods for international law-making (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

Panel discussion on "Transforming the mindset in pursuing a transformative development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria and Pakistan and the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Joop Theunissen, OESC/DESA (e-mail theunissen@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7763).]

Opening of the exhibition "Last folio" (on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz and the end of World War II) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovakia)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, at 18:30, at the Curved Wall Area in the Conference Building (First Floor).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Slovakia (Ms. Anna Rendek (e-mail anna.rendekova@mzv.sk); or Ms. Ingrid Ruzickova (e-mail ingrid.ruzickova@mzv.sk).]

Briefing of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the International Organization of la Francophonie) [The briefing will be in French with English interpretation]

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachel Rouchouse, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail rachel.rouchouse@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4933).]

Course on "Land, Peacemaking and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and for registration, please contact Ms. Amy Muedin, IOM (e-mail amuedin@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212); or *click here*.]

Briefing for civil society on "The upcoming negotiations on a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Hamish Jenkins, UNCTAD (e-mail hamish.jenkins@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3125); or UN-NGLS (e-mail info@un-ngls.org).]

Conference on the United Nations Social Media Day (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland; the Digital Diplomacy Coalition New York and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Friday, 30 January 2015, from 09:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Isabella Poeschl, DPI (e-mail poeschl@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4689; or *click here*).]

Seminar on "Peaceful and Inclusive Societies and Democratic Governance" (co-organized by the International IDEA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Friday, 6 February 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room C.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Thirteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 12 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5; and

Friday, 13 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[Members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, Population Division (e-mail migrationp@un.org); or *click here*; to register please *click here*]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the months of *January* and *February*:

Researching Foreign Laws

Researching on the United Nations Charter

Finding Speeches

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by almost one million users in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States:
Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States:
Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States:
Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal* of the United Nations

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service at www.undocs.org. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device.

Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

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www.un.org/en/sc/ctc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540

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www.un.org/en/ecosoc

Office for Disarmament Affairs
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United Nations Treaty Collection
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http://unyearbook.un.org

UN Chronicle
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With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations (http://documents.un.org) in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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A/69/722/Add.1	Item 136 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Letter dated 21 January 2015 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
A/69/725	Item 19 — Sustainable development — Letter dated 9 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
A/RES/69/139	Adopted by the General Assembly on 15 December 2014 [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
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A/RES/69/203	Adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 2014 [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
A/RES/69/204	Adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2014 [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*
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A/RES/69/248	Adopted by the General Assembly on 29 December 2014 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/RES/69/249	Adopted by the General Assembly on 29 December 2014 [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
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S/2014/929	Letter dated 19 December 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *30 pages*

S/2015/10/Add.3	Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2015/35	Letter dated 16 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
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S/2015/42	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the deputy representative of the Russian Federation on the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2015/43	France: draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*
S/Agenda/7366	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/RES/2196 (2015)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 7366th meeting, on 22 January 2015 [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

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Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room CB-0304 (Conference Building)).

The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings*, and *19:00 for the summaries*. The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least two days in advance.

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

[Since the United Nations Headquarters complex in New York is closed since 14:30, on Monday, 26 January 2015, and *today, 27 January 2015*, all programmed meetings in that period are cancelled.

On Wednesday, 28 January, if there is late opening of the United Nations Complex but no later than 11:30, the default is for the morning meetings to start half an hour after the opening. Interpretation service for the morning will end no later than 13:30. If the meeting bodies choose to reschedule the meetings to a later time, they must inform the Meetings Management Section (MMS) (tel. 1 (212) 963-8114) not less than 26 minutes after the opening of the premises.]

Wednesday, 28 January 2015

Security Council

10:00 — 7369th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   The Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014) and 2191 (2014) (S/2015/48)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7369th meeting.

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General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/279, informal meetings of the plenary as part of the preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (First Drafting Session) will be held from *Wednesday, 28 January to Friday, 30 January 2015*, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 January 2015, was sent to permanent representatives and permanent observers. Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office. [webcast]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Standards of Air Travel
2. Construction of a new facility for the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

10:00 to 13:00 2nd meeting Conference Room 1

15:00 to 18:00 3rd meeting Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2015/R.2, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.17 and E/C.2/2015/R.3)[1] [item 3 (b)]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to lomaia@un.org, Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

[1] Restricted documents of the Committee.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed) 1. Review of the status of pending issues 2. Other matters	Conference Room 7

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session of 2015

10:00 to 13:00	3rd meeting [webcast]	Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:00	4th meeting [webcast]	Economic and Social Council Chamber
17:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Informal consultations

Informal consultations on preparations for the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts (MGE2) under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (scheduled from Monday, 1 to Frida, 5 June 2015) will be held on *Wednesday, 28 January 2015*, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The informal consultations will be convened by His Excellency Vlad Lupan, Republic of Moldova, in his capacity as the Chair-designate of the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda: towards 2015 and beyond", under item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place on *Wednesday, 28 January 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 28 January 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Wednesday, 28 January 2015

International expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maia Campbell, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail campbellm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2395).]

High-level seminar on the International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations Report "Designing Mandates and Capabilities for Future Peace Operations" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan, Nigeria and Sweden)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jeanette Mattsson, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail jeanette.mattsson@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2591); or Mr. Kristoffer Alm (e-mail kristoffer.alm@fba.se; tel. 1 (646) 409-8097).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (28 January)

Holocaust memorial ceremony on the theme "Liberty, Life and the Legacy of the Holocaust Survivors" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 12:00 to 14:00, in the General Assembly Hall. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information and to register please *click here*, or contact Ms. Kimberly Mann, DPI (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835).]

Opening of the exhibits:

Tenth anniversary of the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme (co-organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme and the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education)

At 14:30, in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

[All are invited.]

Shoah - How Was It Humanly Possible? (co-organized by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, the American Society for Yad Vashem and the Permanent Mission of Israel)

At 14:30, in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachelle Grossman (tel. 1 (212) 220-4304).]

Screening of the film "Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald" and panel discussion (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

At 18:30, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please *click here*.]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*.]

Briefing of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the International Organization of la Francophonie) [The briefing will be in French with English interpretation]

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachel Rouchouse, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail rachel.rouchouse@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4933).]

Event on "Financing Sustainable Energy for All" (organized by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Trym Oust Sonstad, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (e-mail sonstad@un.org).]

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal consultations on the proposed statute on the criteria and procedures for bestowing the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize, will take place on Thursday, 29 January 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 January 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2015 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2015 substantive session from Tuesday, 17 February, to Friday, 13 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/69/642 (to be issued) and A/69/642/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the Website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the Website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (17-18 February) *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes

First working session

The first working session of the ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247 of 29 December 2014, will be held from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

At the opening meeting on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, at 10:00, the ad hoc committee will elect its Chair and the other members of the Bureau, adopt its provisional agenda and approve its organization of work. The provisional agenda and annotations will be issued in document A/AC.284/2015/1.

For further information on the work of the ad hoc committee please contact Mr. Dusan Zivkovic (e-mail dusan.zivkovic@unctad.org); or Mr. Jiaming Miao (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766). Additional information will also be available by *clicking here*.

Submission of comments

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247, Member States and observers are invited to submit their comments on the necessary elements of the multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes. Similarly, the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant stakeholders with an interest in the matter, are invited to make contributions to the work entrusted to the ad hoc committee. Comments and contributions, which will be made available electronically on the UNCTAD Website, should be sent by e-mail to Ms. Marie Sudreau (marie.sudreau@unctad.org), and Ms. Myriam Azar (myriam.azar@unctad.org).

List of participants

The meetings of the ad hoc committee are open to all Member States and observers of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the ad hoc committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

General discussion and the list of speakers

General discussion of agenda item 3 (A multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes) will be held on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, in the morning, following the opening part of the session.

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform, *in writing*, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org; c/o Ms. Terri Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that, and in accordance with the practice, statements made on behalf of a group of States *should not exceed seven minutes*, and statements made by individual delegations *should not exceed five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services *will be offered* as an additional service for the meetings of the ad hoc committee.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The date of meeting and agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the ad hoc committee's PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those accredited to the financing for development follow-up process and to UNCTAD, wishing to participate in the work of the ad hoc committee should register by *clicking here*. For further information on the ad hoc committee please *click here*, or contact Ms. Maria Ahmed (e-mail maria.ahmed@unctad.org).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2015 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 19 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at this meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2015/L.1 and A/AC.109/2015/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org;

tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room S-3063; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2015.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but *no later than* Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at *least two hours* in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system (session II)

Pursuant to its resolution 2014/14, the Economic and Social Council will hold session II of a transparent and inclusive dialogue involving Member States and all relevant stakeholders on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, taking into account the post-2015 development agenda on Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. Session I of the dialogue took place on 15 December 2014. The meeting will be chaired and moderated by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency Maria Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia).

The preliminary programme is available by *clicking here*.

The dialogue will be interactive in nature and, as such, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. For further information, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for the Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944). Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for all the meetings of the 2015 session of the Economic and Social Council. Please *click here* for the PaperSmart portal of the Council.

Youth Forum (2-3 February 2015)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth engagement in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: What will it take?" on Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org, with a copy to olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Friday, 30 January 2015, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027). Additional information is also available on the Website of the Council (*click here*).

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Mr. Lenni Montiel, on the findings of the recently released *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2015* report on Thursday, 5 February 2015, from 09:30 to 11:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), and will include Ms. Beth Ann Bovino, United Sates Chief Economist for Standard and Poor's Rating Services, and Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, Professor, Columbia University, as discussants. The briefing will also provide an opportunity for interactive discussion. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hamid Rashid, Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, (e-mail rashid12@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1806; or *click here*).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda: towards 2015 and beyond", under item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place on Tuesday, 3 February, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1. For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail dsap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doulton@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

First regular session 2015

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harat@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than* Friday, 30 January 2015.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board Website. All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Joint meeting

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2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons *(click here)*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Course on "Land, Peacemaking and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and for registration, please contact Ms. Amy Muedin, IOM (e-mail amuedin@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212); or *click here*.]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

Briefing on "The Holocaust, Homosexuals and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Today" (co-organized by the NGO Relations Section, and the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9*@*un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); to register, send an e-mail to undpingo*@*un.org.]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*.]

Briefing for civil society on "The upcoming negotiations on a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Hamish Jenkins, UNCTAD (e-mail hamish.jenkins*@*unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3125); or UN-NGLS (e-mail info*@*un-ngls.org).]

High-Level Event on Ebola (organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Awa Dabo, UNDP (e-mail awa.dabo*@*undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5961).]

Conference on the United Nations Social Media Day (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland; the Digital Diplomacy Coalition New York and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Friday, 30 January 2015, from 09:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Isabella Poeschl, DPI (e-mail poeschl*@*un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4689; or *click here*).]

Seminar on "Peaceful and Inclusive Societies and Democratic Governance" (co-organized by the International IDEA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Friday, 6 February 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room C.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo*@*unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Thirteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 12 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5; and

Friday, 13 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[Members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, Population Division (e-mail migrationp@un.org); or *click here*; to register please *click here*.]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the months of *January* and *February*:

Researching Foreign Laws

Researching on the United Nations Charter

Finding Speeches

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest

to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by almost one million users in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 26 January 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7368th meeting

Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Ukraine to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Feltman.

Statements were made by the representatives of Lithuania, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, France, Spain, Jordan, China, Chad, Nigeria, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, New Zealand, Malaysia, Angola, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Chile.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Ukraine.

The representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine made further statements.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The Chair of the 2014 session of the Committee, Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu (Turkey), opened the 2015 regular session of the Committee.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the 2015 regular session.

The Chair made opening remarks.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) and Ms. Forouzandeh Vadiati (the Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

The Committee postponed the election of the remaining members of the bureau to a later stage.

The Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.2/2015/1.

Organization of work

The Committee approved its Programme of work and its tentative schedule of work, as contained in Working Paper No. 1.

Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat [item 5]

Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304 [item 6]

General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non- Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) made a statement.

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the United States, Cuba, Pakistan, Nicaragua, Guinea, China and India.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 16 non-governmental organizations.

The Secretary made an announcement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption, New York, 31 October 2003

Accession: South Sudan (23 January 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States
Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States
Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States
Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States
Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc/ or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their

statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal* of the United Nations

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Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 26 January 2015

Due to technical reasons, the daily list of documents issued *today*, 27 January 2015, will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2015/18).

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room CB-0304 (Conference Building)).

The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings*, and *19:00 for the summaries*. The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least two days in advance.

The office of the Journal Unit opens at 15:00.

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